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SUBJECT: STATE VISIT OF KIM IL SUNG: MAURITIAN IMPRESSIONS
OF NORTH KOREAN ATTITUDE AND INTENTIONS

1. MAURITANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOUKNASS TOOK OCCASION OF
MEETING JUNE 13 ON UNRELATED TOPIC TO PASS A POINT TWO
IMPRESSION GIRM HAD DERIVED FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH NORTH
KOREAN PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG DURING RECENT STATE VISIT TO
NOUAKCHOTT. FIRST--GIRM HAS DEFINITE IMPRESSION KIM IS
SERIOUS WHEN HE SAYS HE WANTS TO PURSUE REUNIFICATION OF
KOREA BY PEACEFUL MEANS. ACCORDING TO MOUKNASS, KIM
RECOGNIZES THAT FIFTEEN YEARS OF SEPARATION HAVE MARKED TWO
HALVES IN KOREA, AND THAT AS A RESULT NORTH AND SOUTH CANNOT
BE JAMMED BACK TOGETHER AGAIN OVERNIGHT. INSTEAD, THEY
MUST BE REUNITED SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY. THUS IMMEDIATE
FUTURE SHOULD BRING SOME SORT OF FEDERATION LINKING TWO
SEMI-SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT "INTERNATIONAL PERSONALITIES"
WHICH WOULD NONETHELESS HAVE A SINGLE, UNIFIED POLICY OF
NON-ALIGNMENT. SECOND--GIRM HAS DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT
KIM WAS SERIOUS WHEN HE DECLARED THAT HE SOUGHT TO ADOPT
CLEAR-CUT NON-ALIGNED STANCE. MOUKNASS ALSO REPORTED THAT
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KIM SAW TWO HALVES OF A FEDERATED KOREA WORKING TOWARD

REAL UNITY OVER TIME. BUT KIM WAS LESS THAN OPTIMISTIC IN SHORT TERM (PER GIRM MINISTER) BECAUSE, HE ASSER GD, SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT PARK WOULD NEVER AGREE TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

2. AFTER NOTING GIRM'S IMPRESSIONS WERE MOST INTERESTING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR MINISTYF'BYFHARING THEM WITH ME, I RESPONDED QUIETLY BUT FIRMLY THAT DEVELOPMENTS OF PAST FOUR TO SIX WEEKS IN DEMILITARIZED ZONE DID NOT QUITE JIBE WITH PROFESSIONS OF DEVOTION TO PEACE AND DEDICATION TO REUNIFICATION BY PEACEFUL MEANS. SUGGESTED THERE SEEMED TO BE A CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT NORTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES SAID AND SPECIFIC ACRONE THEY TOOK. AS RESULT, I TOLD MINISTER, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO REMAIN EXCEEDINGLY SKEPTICAL. NEVERTHELESS I ASSURED HIM THAT I WOULD OF COURSE PASS MAURITANIAN OBSERVATIONS ALONG TO US AUTHORITIES CONCERNED.HANDYSIDE

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